



Maidstone & Mid-Kent Motor Club Ltd.

THE STEPHEN STRINGER MEMORIAL AUTOTEST

SATURDAY 11th APRIL 2026



Remembering **Stephen Stringer**

British Autotest Champion in 1976 & 1978
Runner-up in 1977

19/04/50 – 23/09/23

As Stephen would say - **“Bugger”**

REGULATIONS

Maidstone and Mid Kent Motor Club Ltd are delighted to be running a round of the **BTRDA[®] Autotest Championship**, for **2026**, with the third running of **The Stephen Stringer Memorial Autotest**. Which hopefully will be even better than last year.

The venue is the **Ashford Livestock Market** with a smooth concrete surface that we have been successfully using for our series of Winter ‘Tarmac’ Autotests. A great Venue with good facilities, including the on-site **Stock Pot Café** which will be open all day.

The event will also be a round of the **2026 Southern Autotest Championship**.

Ashford Livestock Market,

Orbital Park, Monument Way, Willesborough, Ashford, Kent, TN24 OHB.
Just off Junction 10 of the M20.

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- *Flowing tests*
 - *Smooth concrete*
 - *“Cheese on Toast”!*
 - **JUST DO IT !**

You WILL enjoy meeting us !

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1. The **Maidstone and Mid Kent Motor Club Limited** will promote a **Clubmans** permit Autotest on **Saturday 11th April 2026** at **Ashford Livestock Market**, Ashford, Kent.
2. The meeting will be held under the **National Competition Rules** of the **Motorsport UK** (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA), these Supplementary Regulations (compiled using 2026 National Competition Rules Edition 2) and any written instructions that the organising Club may issue for the Event.
3. The Event will be run under **Clubmans Permit No: 206725** issued by **Motorsport UK**, which will be on display on the day.
4. The Event is open to entries from :-
 - a) All fully elected members of the **Maidstone & Mid Kent Motor Club Ltd**;
 - b) Fully elected members of the **BTRDA[®]**;
 - c) Fully elected members of up to the first **14** other **Motorsport UK** recognised clubs received. Any such entry will be deemed acceptance of an invitation on behalf of that Club
 - d) Registered entrants in the **2026 demon tweaks / BestFed BTRDA[®] Autotest Championship**;
 - e) Registered entrants in the **BTRDA[®] Allrounders Championship 2026**;
 - f) Registered entrants in the **2026 Southern Autotest Championship**.
5. The **Autotest** Event is a round of :
 - a) The **demon tweaks / BestFed BTRDA[®] Autotest Championship 2026**;
 - b) The **BTRDA[®] Allrounders Championship 2026 (Permit No: CH2026/RALLY023(D))**;
 - c) The **2026 Southern Autotest Championship. (Permit No: CH2026/A011)**.
6. All competitors must produce for inspection at signing-on a valid **Motorsport UK** Competition Licence, Championship Registration Card and Club Membership Card.
(Note – anyone who is disqualified from holding a **RTA Driving Licence** cannot hold a **Motorsport UK Competition Licence**).
7. The programme of the meeting will be :
 - Scrutineering starts at **08.00 am**
 - Signing on starts at **08.00 am**
 - Any Competitors not signed on by **10.30 am** may be disqualified.
 - First car starts at **10.30 am**.
8. The **Autotest** will consist of 5 classes as follows :
 - A.** Touring Cars under 11' overall length (including Minis with non-original front mounted engine and transmission layout driving the front wheels)
 - B.** All other Touring Cars
 - C.** Sports Cars and Sports Kit Cars
 - D.** Specials
 - E.** Roadgoing Series Production Cars and Road Going Kit Cars

Note:

All vehicles must comply with the Motorsport UK Technical Regulations.

All vehicles in Class E must comply with Motorsport UK Technical Regulations and be taxed for the public road. A current MOT certificate must be produced at scrutineering; proof of registration date will be required for any vehicle exempt from MOT test.

Cabriolets must run in the appropriate touring car class with roof/hood up, or class C or E with roof/hood down, as appropriate.

All lengths refer to the overall length, which will be determined by the Parkers Car Price Guide (January 2026 edition) for the car concerned or, if not quoted, by the manufacturer's specification.

Vehicle eligibility for all classes will be in accordance with the 2026 BTRDA® Autotest Championship Regulations.

9. Awards will be presented as follows :

FTD	The Stephen Stringer Memorial Trophy* & an Award
Best BTRDA® competitor	BTRDA® crested spoon
Best Performance by a full member of the Maidstone & Mid Kent Motor Club	The Haynes Brothers Challenge Trophy* & an Award
First in Class	An Award
Second in Class	An Award (subject to 5 or more starters)
Third in Class	An Award (subject to 10 or more starters)
Best Novice	An Award

(* These awards are to be held for 11 months only)

No competitor may win more than one award, other than the Haynes Brothers Challenge Trophy.

10. The entry list opens on publication of these Supplementary Regulations and closes finally on **Monday 6th April 2026 at 10.00pm**. The entry fee for the event is **£50**. All entries must be made on the official entry form and must be accompanied by the appropriate fee.

Note:

Entries will be accepted from Drivers without a current full RTA licence provided they comply with the requirements of **(NCR 19.4.2.1)**

11. Entries will only be accepted online via the Club Website at **www.mmkmc.co.uk**

Payment may be made by:

Stripe (following the link on the entry form – you can pay by credit card), or **BACS**.

BACS to

Account Name : **Maidstone & Mid-Kent Motor Club Ltd.**

Sort code : **60-60-08**

Account No. : **00045349**

When paying by BACS, please quote Reference – **SSMA 26** followed by your name.

12. Entry fees will only be refunded if notice of withdrawal is given in writing. Where notice of withdrawal is received before **7th April 2026** entry fees will be refunded in full, after that date refunds, up to a maximum of £40, will be made at the discretion of the organisers.
(NCR 6.1.11.1)

LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

13. The **Entries Secretary** is **Andy Jenner** (tel: **07584 060447**) who will deal with all enquiries regarding entries.
14. The maximum entry for the meeting is **40**. The minimum is **15**. The maximum for each class is unlimited. The minimum for each class is 1. Should any of the above minimum figures not be reached, the organisers have the right to cancel the meeting or amalgamate classes as necessary. Entries will be selected as received.

15. Other officials are :
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| Clerk of the Course | : | Dave Cook | (dave.cook@blueyonder.co.uk) |
| Secretary of the Meeting | : | Ann Cook | (cook.ann@blueyonder.co.uk) |
| Chief Scrutineer | : | James Muir | |
| Chief Timekeeper | : | Andy Jenner | |
| Chief Marshal | : | Janet Barlow | |
| Event Steward | : | Bruce Jenkins | |
| Safeguarding Officer | : | Charlotte Clay | (safeguarding@mmkmc.co.uk) |
| Sustainability Officer | : | email: | (sustainability@mmkmc.co.uk) |
16. Provisional results will be published, and awards presented, as soon as possible following the end of the event.
17. Any protest must be lodged in accordance with the **Motorsport UK Protests, (NCR 2.9.1)**.
18. Details of tests will be included with Final Instructions.
 Each driver will have one run at each test
 Timing will be via **Stopastride** and mobile phones operated by the start marshals
 The starting signal will be oral.
 Order of attempting the tests will be strictly as directed at the drivers briefing.
19. All marshals will be appointed as judges to adjudicate on penalties **(NCR 19.1.4.1)**.
20. Practising will **NOT** be allowed **(NCR 19.1.2.4)**, any competitor, in the opinion of the organisers, speeding, or performing handbrake turns or the like, in the paddock or surrounding area may be **disqualified**.
21. Competitors will be identified by numbers; which will be issued at signing-on.
22. Marking and penalties will be as printed in **Penalty Table (NCR 19.9)** :
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| (b & c) | <i>"Not performing a test correctly, etc"</i> | +20 seconds |
| (d) | <i>"Striking any marker, etc per mistake"</i> | + 5 seconds |
| (e) | <i>"Failing to cross or stop at any line, etc"</i> | + 5 seconds |
- Except for (b) & (c)** where the 20 second penalty will be 'plus the lowest by that competitor making an attempt correctly at that test layout'.
- A Wrong Test will be as defined in **(NCR 19.1.3.1)**.
23. A Novice will be defined as a driver who has not previously won a class of more than 3 competitors or overall award in an Autotest or similar competition of **Clubman**, equivalent or higher status.
24. Pylons may be less than 1 metre in height **(NCR 19.1.2.7)**.
25. As the whole event takes place on private property vehicles need not be registered or taxed **(NCR 19.3.1.2)**, except Class E.
26. A vehicle may be entered twice, to be driven by different drivers, but no driver may drive more than one vehicle **(NCR 19.1.1.4k)**.
27. All other **National Competition Rules of the Motorsport UK** apply as written.

28. Please make sure your Vehicle is in good mechanical condition. In particular, please make sure that your vehicle complies with **Motorsport UK** Vehicle Regulations specific for Autotests (**NCR 19.3.1.8**). Also please ensure your engine is properly silenced and complies with the noise requirements of (**NCR 7.8.2**), and note tyre regulations (**NCR 7.2.13**)
29. In accordance with latest General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) the information you give us will be used only for the purpose of running MMKMC events and its activities. You will only receive communications from us that are relevant to the events you enter. Photographs may be taken at this event (and others in the programme) and shared, including on social media. Please advise the organiser if you do not wish to have your photograph taken.

COMPETITORS ARE REMINDED THAT THE USE OF LIST 1B AND 1C TYRES IS NOT PERMITTED (NCR 19.3.1.8g).

The MAIDSTONE & MID KENT MOTOR CLUB would like to thank Hobbs Parker for allowing the use of the venue.

WOULD YOU PLEASE HELP US TO LOOK AFTER THIS SITE AND KEEP IT CLEAN AND TIDY BY TAKING YOUR LITTER HOME.

THANK YOU

Dave Cook

